



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT *of* EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

Unemployment Tax Filing Assistance For Employers

1-866-806-0272

The Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) is offering special services to employers, in addition to its regular service of connecting people with jobs.

A special project is being implemented to assist employers with filing required wage and tax information. A new toll free number, 1-866-806-0272, has been established by MDES to provide Mississippi employers help with wage reporting and business change reporting. Employers can call this telephone number between the hours of 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, to obtain information and assistance that will help expedite the resolution of any state unemployment tax issue they may have.

MDES will be able to assist employers in recovering and estimating lost or destroyed employer wage and tax information from its database for use in filing 3rd quarter unemployment tax and wage reports. With 55,128 subject employers in the state, MDES estimates that 8,469 employers could have delinquent accounts. Delinquent employer's historical wage record information will be used for the recovery effort. Tax and collection representatives will be available to help employers with the reconstruction of third quarter 2005 and prior wage information.

All notices and charge statements have been suspended until December 31, 2005. Interest and penalty would be waived for tax payments that are due for the third quarter 2005 (due date October 31, 2005). Any payments that are due prior to October 2005 or become due after December 31, 2005, will be subject to penalty and interest.

MDES is available for assistance to employers with a variety of services. In addition to this **new** toll free number and the Katrina Employer Hotline, 1-866-794-6329, the web site, www.mdes.ms.gov, and other FREE resources are targeted to serve the employers' needs. The web site has links for both employers to post jobs and job seekers to search for jobs. The network of WIN Job Centers across the state provides the mechanism for supporting the employment needs of businesses. They serve as the state's workforce broker: bringing people and jobs together, which supports the MDES mission statement, ***Increasing Employment in Mississippi***.